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ECONOMY WITHOUT PAY.

A Dealer Gives Reasons for the Difference in the Manner of Packing Goods.

"Goods in large packages like, for instance, tomatoes in gallon cans," said the canned goods man, according to the New York Sun, "are sometimes crated, this being done for the sake of economy, the crate costing less than a box. But canned goods in smaller packages, of which the number of cans put up is enormous, are commonly shipped in boxes. The reason for this is very simple.

"The big cans are likely to have only a strip or a band label, the rest of the broad expanse of tin being left uncovered. It isn't necessary to put this package up in fancy style, for it is not to be displayed anywhere. These goods are sold to hotels and restaurants and other large users. The steward or other purchaser knows the goods perfectly by the label, which is to him an unmistakable brand; he wouldn't care a bit if the label was scratched or marred, as it might be by coming in contact with something through the open space in the crate. What he wants is the goods.

"On the other hand, the small cans are completely covered with a handsome label, which helps to make the goods salable. These cans are displayed on the shelves and on counters and it is important, of course, that these should be in perfect order as to labels. The cans must not be dented in. One bad-looking can might mar a whole display, besides not selling so well itself. So the small cans are shipped in boxes for their protection, which is of more importance with these goods than the saving that might be effected by crating them."

IT WAS THE WOMAN'S WAY.

How a Scheming Housewife Saved Money While Her Husband Was Absent.

There is really no use of having a man about the house. At least that is the opinion of many members of the fair sex. There is a Detroit woman and her cook, however, who have learned the fallacy of such an idea, says the Free Press.

The other day the head of the household was suddenly called away from town. When he was gone his wife decided to look after the barn herself and put the money thus saved into a beautiful summer dress that she did not need. That evening it rained, and she tripped to the stables in a machintosh that she tossed on the nearest part of the nearest horse, in lieu of a convenient peg, and was immediately kicked a dozen feet in a straight line. The cook ran out and displayed her presence of mind by turning the hose on her mistress and playing it on her until she had to revive in order not to drown.

When it came to putting hay down into the mangers the cook fell headforemost into the funnel-shaped chute made for this purpose, and most of her blood had gravitated to her brain before the people in the block—two policemen, a contractor and a veterinary

surgeon—had rescued her. She is in bed under medical care, the wife is being treated for general contusion of the body, and the returned coachman is under extra pay to assure the husband that everything went off nicely.

GYPSY CAUSED ALARM.

What Was Believed to Be Burglars in a Mansion Turned Out to Be a Dog.

A burglar alarm turned in to the Cottage Grove avenue station a few nights ago from a Michigan avenue mansion resulted not in the capturing of burglars, but in the finding of a pet dog which had been missing for three days, reports the Chicago Chronicle. Sergt. O'Connor and several officers responded to the call in the patrol wagon. They found the family standing on the front step greatly excited. The officers surrounded the house, making it impossible for the intruders to escape, and two of the bluecoats placed their revolvers handy and entered the house.

The excitement had been caused by a noise in the basement under the fireplace. The officers listened, but could hear nothing and descended the stairs. They could find no evidence that burglars had been there and finally the sergeant opened the ash dump which is under the fireplace. He found a small dog covered with soot and coal dust and so nearly starved that it could not walk. He carried the animal upstairs and its mistress seized the pet in her arms.

"Why, Gypsy has been missing for three days," she said, "and I supposed she was stolen. Here she has been starving to death in that dirty ash pan."

Gypsy had stepped into the fireplace and had fallen through the pipe into the basement box.

HOW PLANTS GAIN WEIGHT.

Their Growth in Avondale Comes Wholly from Gas in the Air.

As far as is known the first botanical experiment ever performed was conducted by a Dutchman. He placed in a pot 200 pounds of dried earth, and in it he planted a willow branch which weighed five pounds. He kept the whole covered up and daily watered the earth with rain water. After five years' growth the willow was again weighed and was found to have gained 164 pounds. The earth in the pot was dried and weighed and had lost only two ounces.

The experimentalist, therefore, looked upon this experiment as supporting the theory that plants required no food but water. But he was wrong. Later it was discovered that much of the increase in weight of plants was derived from carbonic acid gas in the air.

Vegetable cells contain a liquid known as "cell sap," which is water holding in solution various materials which have been taken up from without by the roots and leaves. Thus it is in the living cells of the plant that those "digestive" processes are carried on which were once believed to occur in the soil.

RIGHTS OF VAGABOND MULE.

Legal Decision That Affects Long-Eared Animals and Their Owners.

In "a lawsuit arising out of the unlawful acts of a disorderly mule" the opinion says the animal was found "loitering about the streets . . . without any apparent business, no visible means of support and no evidence of his ownership except a yoke on his neck," which was evidence that "the mule had been at some time in a state of subjection, but did not indicate to whom." Being arrested and taken to the lockup, after five days' delay an advertisement was published for two days and then the mule was sold. This notice, relates Case and Comment was held insufficient on the ground that "no owner would feel any great sense of loss in so short a time."

On the question of delay before publishing the notice, which the ordinance required to be published immediately the court said: "The argument is that the word 'immediately' as used in the ordinance does not mean 'instantaneously'; that the poundkeeper must have sufficient time to shut the pound gate, so as to keep the mule in, before he starts to the printing office; that after he does start he may proceed in a brisk walk and is not required to run, and after he gets there time must be allowed to set up the matter in type and there must then be a delay until the hour when the paper is printed and ready for distribution, and that the poundkeeper is not required to get out an extra. We are satisfied the learned trial judge did not mean to require such dispatch as this."

GETTING UP SPEED QUICKLY.

An Ingenious Grade Device That Is Employed on the Central London Railway.

A novel expedient is being tried to shorten the running time of trains on the Central London railway, the underground electric line that was opened recently, says the New York Tribune. This road has 12 or 13 stations and a length of 6 1/2 miles. The track of the Central London is not laid altogether level. Just before reaching a station it rises 1.66 feet to a hundred, and immediately after leaving it descends even more rapidly for a short distance, the grade being 3.3 per cent. The object of this plan is to stop a train more quickly when it is arriving, and hasten its departure when it moves onward again.

It has often been observed that trains on the elevated road in this city waste more time in slowing down and getting up speed again than they spend with open gates. A train may remain motionless only six or eight seconds, but the loss of time from the other causes is two or three times as great. By accelerating both stoppage and start a saving of ten seconds might be made. This repeated a dozen times would make a difference of two minutes in the total run. The advantage secured by the expedient employed in London is apart from and additional to the use of electric motors, which enable a train to develop full speed sooner than steam does.

SHARE THEIR VACATION.

London Lawyers Open the Inner Temple Gardens to Poor Children.

When the weather gets hot in London the leading lawyers leave their city quarters for the country to enjoy what they term the "long vacation," a period of about ten weeks, says the New York Post. Close by the Inner Temple, one of the headquarters and resorts of these lawyers, are the neighboring poor districts, where live small children who don't have "long vacations." And now come these great "long vacation" lawyers and say, in effect, to these small children, to the boys and to the girls: "Beginning with June 12, you small boys and girls, the Inner Temple gardens, the green grass, the trees and the flowers thereof, are by permission of the Benchers (that's us) thrown open for your comfort and happiness, to be by you enjoyed from the hour of six p. m. until dusk every evening; and so they shall remain every evening, Mondays and Saturdays excepted, until the end of August, a period of about ten weeks, more or less; and this, for you, shall be in the nature of a 'long vacation.'"

And so it happens that the lawyers are to share their "long vacation" with their small neighbors.

Long Service as Counsel.

John Fowler, the United States consul at Chefoo, China, has been in the government service ever since reaching manhood—for 21 years. Beginning in 1879 as a clerk in the Washington navy yard, where he stayed two years, he was later transferred to the Tallapoosa and stayed on her till she was wrecked in 1885. Ten years ago he was appointed consul at Ning-Poo by President Harrison, whence he was transferred to Chefoo by President Cleveland in 1899.

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THE MESSENGER'S DIVERSION.

A Bit of Comedy Between Trains at a New York Elevated Railroad Station.

A messenger boy, small, trim, reticent and deliberate in his movements, walked up the steps of a Sixth avenue elevated railroad station, reports the New York Sun, went quietly along the passageway between the ticket seller's window and the ticket chopper's box, and there dropped his ticket. The ticket chopper being at that moment standing, stretching his legs, the messenger kept on around the ticket box and dropped in the ticket chopper's chair without a word or a look for anybody.

"I guess you were born tired," said the ticket chopper. No reply from the messenger. When the next passenger dropped a ticket in the box the messenger boy reached forward and grasped the handle of the lever and raised it up and let the ticket fall down from the hopper into the box below, throwing the lever up through its full sweep slowly, but to the limit with a manner that was at once languid and precise. "There—that'll do," said the ticket chopper. "I'll attend to that part of it."

Still paying no attention to him, the messenger got up and walked away. He had chipped one ticket, that's all he wanted to chop; and now he strolled down the platform as calm, as grave-faced, as reticent as ever, as cool, even in this weather, as the proverbial cucumber.

CHOICE IN COLOR OF MEAT.

It is a Fallacy to Suppose That White Is More Desirable Than Dark.

In a recent series of articles published in a German medical journal, Drs. Offer and Rosenquist deal with the opinion that has been accepted by many that white meats are more suitable for the sick, owing to greater digestibility and the presence of less uric acid and nitrogenous extractive.

This belief is shaken by the analyses made by the medical men referred to, which show that white, white meats,

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such as poultry and fish, do in certain cases, as fish and fresh venison, contain less extractive and nitrogenous derivatives, the average amount does not appreciably differ in dark and white meats such as poultry, veal, beef, pork, mutton, etc., to make either preferable.

They point out that the only way of limiting the ingestion of these deleterious extractive and nitrogenous substances is by diminishing the amount of meat taken, rather than by forbidding dark meats. They also assert that among the extractive present in meat the most important ones are by no means harmful if taken in small quantities, as is ordinarily done. The same holds good as regards the other organic extractives which are nitrogenous.

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